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The bias of the largest networks has been documented in recent years, so the public greatly needs broadcast ownership rules that prevent the big guys from running roughshod over the little guys.

Sometimes I think the news media resents our electoral system and would much rather prefer to run the country themselves.

Don't let 'em get away with it.

Thankyou.

Yours very truly,

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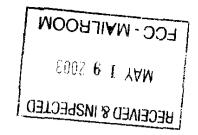
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Thank you.

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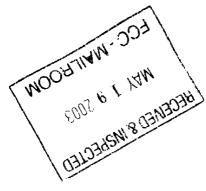
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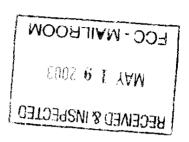
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